

is an E-10 B exchange. These details are not possible from '60' and '67' Exchanges.

SENA BHAWAN

Two Exchanges are working in Sena Bhawan Exchange area viz. '301' Fetex and '379' E-10 B Exchange. The details of the STD calls made from '379' Exchange are being given whereas it is not possible in respect of '301' Exchange.

SHASTRI BHAWAN

There are 2 exchanges working in Shastri Bhawan area viz. '38' Strowger and '378' E-10 B. It is not possible to give the details for '38' Exchange whereas details are being given for '378' E-10 B exchange.

Fixation of Prices of Agricultural produce

349 SHRI MADAN LAL KHURANA Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state

(a) whether there is a wide gap between the procurement price and the cost of production of foodgrains.

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether agriculturists are involved in the process of fixing the prices of foodgrains, and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN) (a) and (b) The procurement/minimum support prices for agricultural commodities are recommended by the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP) after considering various factors including cost of production. However, the prices recommended by and large provide for a reasonable margin of profit over cost of production to encourage investment and increase production and productivity of crops.

(c) and (d) The CACP has developed a practice of consultation with various interests including farmers and keeps in view the suggestions made by the farmers' representatives while formulating the price policy recommendations.

Formation of Anti-Riot Force

350. SHRI CHANDRA JEET YADAV: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to form an anti-riot force at an all India level in co-operation with State Governments to control the growing menace of communalism;

(b) if so, the details thereof,

(c) whether some State Governments had proposed formation of such a force, and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) to (d) The Government are considering a proposal to create a Rapid Action Force. It will not be in the public interest to disclose its details at this stage.

Bagmati River Project

351 SHRI HARI KISHORE SINGH Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Bihar has requested the Union Government to include the Bagmati River Project in the Eighth Five Year Plan,

(b) if so, the reaction of the Union Government thereto;

(c) whether India and Nepal have taken some joint initiatives to tap water resources of the Himalayan rivers; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) and (b) Bagmati River Project, an ongoing scheme, is included in 8th Plan proposals of Bihar.

(c) and (d) Talks with Nepal were last held in Second meeting of Sub-Commission on Water Resources in April, 1991. It was decided to complete the studies on Pancheshwar and Karnali Projects.

Ram Temple at Ayodhya

352 **SHRI HARI KISHORE SINGH:**

SHRI CHITTA BASU:

SHRI K P UNNIKRI-SHNAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have initiated any fresh move to bring about a negotiated settlement of the Ram Janam Bhumi-Babri Masjid dispute, and

(b) if so, the details of the move and the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB) (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Telugu-Ganga Project

353. **SHRI SOBHANA DRESWARA RAO VADDE:** Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Telugu-Ganga Project is still awaiting clearance of the Union Government; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the time by which the project is likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) and (b) Telugu Ganga Project, though techno-economically appraised by the Central Water Commission, its consideration was deferred by the Advisory Committee in April, 1988 as the project had not been cleared from inter-State angle. In order to resolve the inter-State issues the meeting of the Chief Ministers of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Maharashtra, convened by the then Minister (Water Resources) on 5-4-1990 could not materialise as the Chief Minister of Karnataka informed that the Chief Ministers would themselves resolve the issues relating to sharing of Krishna waters. The three Chief Ministers met twice in 1990. They are to meet again for consideration of the four tentative alternative proposals that emerged during their second meeting.

Pulichintala Balancing Reservoir Project of Andhra Pradesh

354 **SHRI SOBHAN DRESWARA RAO VADDE:** Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh has submitted the Pulichintala Balancing Reservoir Project to the Union Government for clearance; and

(b) if so, the steps taken up accord clearance to the said project so far?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) and (b) The Government of Andhra Pradesh had forwarded Pulichintala Project's proposal estimated to cost Rs. 138.57 crores to the Centre in October, 1985. It was observed that the project was not based on detailed surveys and investigations and the justification for project was also not clearly brought out. The project was, therefore, returned to the State Government in October, 1986 for preparing a revised Project Report. The State Government have informed that they have constituted in May